

Appl. No. 10/086,176
Response to Election of Species Requirement dated September 15, 2003
Reply to Office Action of August 26, 2003

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated August 26, 2003, the Examiner stated that the claims are generic to a plurality of disclosed patentably distinct species of peptides which encompass a number of different compound species that require a burdensome classification, and/or bibliographic, manual and computer search. The Examiner stated that accordingly, applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to elect a single disclosed species (i.e. a single compound), even though the requirement is traversed.

In an effort to facilitate prosecution, Applicant herein elects the species as described by SEQ ID NO: 1.

Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-18 are in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes any informalities remain in the application which may be corrected by Examiner's Amendment, or there are any other issues which can be resolved by telephone interview, a telephone call to the undersigned attorney at (404) 745-2463 is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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